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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft case in its current form. The settlement falls far short of what will be required to "level the playing field" in the personal-computer software industry, particularly in the realm of operating systems. For example, the requirement that Microsoft disclose its operating-system application programming interfaces must have more teeth and a more effective enforcement mechanism before any competing system such as Linux will have a fair competitive opportunity. Microsoft should also not be allowed to hide behind "security" to keep its APIs secret; an independent reviewer should be empowered to determine what is a legitimate security concern and what is stonewalling.

Thank you very much,

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